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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS

SUMMARY: A SIXTEEN-MAN DELEGATION FROM THE EUROPEAN

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PARLIAMENT CONCLUDED A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO WASHINGTON,

SEPTEMBER 16-18. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT FORD; SECRETARIES KISSINGER, BUTZ, AND DENT; COUNSELOR RUSH; AND AMBASSADOR EBERLE AND PARTICIPATION IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.

1. PRESIDENT FORD RECEIVED THE PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE OVAL OFFICE. IN HIS BRIEF REMARKS, HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR ALLIES TO THE US AND NOTED OUR SHARED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE DREW FROM HIS SEPTEMBER 18 SPEECH BEFORE THE UNGA IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FOOD AND FUEL CRISES.

2. THE SECRETARY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO TALK TO THE PARLIAMENTARIANS DURING THEIR STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY A SUDDEN CONFLICT OF SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, THE PARLIAMENTARIANS DID HAVE AN IMPROMPTU CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO THEIR SESSION WITH THE PRESIDENT.

3. ECONOMIC ISSUES FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED FOR THE PARLIAMENTARIANS. IN SESSIONS WITH BUTZ,

RUSH, EBERLE, DENT, AND JACK BENNETT AT TREASURY, DISCUSSION RANGED OVER US FOOD POLICY, PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, PROSPECTS FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE US "ECONOMIC SUMMIT."

4. THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ONE-HOUR BRIEFING ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN LED THE BRIEFING, WHICH FOCUSED ON NEW DIMENSIONS OF TRANS-ATLANTIC ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE AND EUROPEAN CONCERN WITH RECENT EVENTS IN CYPRUS. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL HOSTED THE LUNCHEON, TO WHICH CONGRESSMEN AND HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WERE INVITED. HE STRESSED ECONOMIC ISSUES AS UPPERMOST AMONG CHALLENGES IN 1974.

5. SINCE THE PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE IN THE US AS GUESTS OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THEY SPENT OVER HALF THEIR TIME ON THE HILL. THE PARLIAMENTARIANS HELD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A PLENARY SESSION ON US-EC RELATIONS, PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AND CLOSED WITH A PRESS CONFERENCE. BOTH SIDES WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED BY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR JOINT US-EUROPEAN HEARINGS, ALLEGEDLY A FIRST, AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE SAME FORMAT BE USED IN THEIR NEXT MEETING, TENTATIVELY TO TAKE PLACE IN MUNICH. KISSINGER

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